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In late January 1955, a Potsdam administration official disclosed that
the "Cadres to the Country" action was started weeks ago by order of
the SED Party Management (Central Committee). This action was set in
motion in an effort to further the organization of rural production
cooperatives (Laendliche Produktions-Genossenschaften) (LPG) and to
step up their productivity. With this in mind, some 2,000 rural
communities have been assigned new Buergermeisters who were selected
from the ranks of the SED and received special training for their future
tasks. Furthering the organization of LPGs will be one of their chief
tasks. Ideological rather than professional backgrounds were taken into
consideration in the selection.

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